

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 50

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

MOTOR VEHICLES. Amends definition of autocycle applicable to operator's helmet exemption and driver's license endorsement requirement. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(1.1), 190(D), 401(2), and 408(C)(3), relative to autocycles;
3 to amend the definition of autocycle applicable to operators and passengers for a
4 helmet exemption; to amend the definition of autocycle applicable for an exemption
5 for certain driver's license endorsements for operators; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:1(1.1), 190(D), 401(2), and 408(C)(3) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1. Definitions

11 When used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the
12 meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates a
13 different meaning:

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15 (1.1)(a) "Autocycle" means ~~an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with~~
16 ~~safety belts, rollbar or roll cage, windshield wipers, steering wheel, and equipment~~
17 ~~otherwise required on a motorcycle and that has no more than three wheels in contact~~

that will bear the vehicle's weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on this support.

Present law exempts operators of autocycles with certain features from requirement to obtain a special endorsement on their driver's license.

Proposed law changes definition of "autocycle" in the context of an autocycle for which a special endorsement exemption applies to change seating area from a "completely enclosed" to a "side-by-side" seating area and to remove from the definition requirements for "airbag protection" and "antilock brakes".

Proposed law further changes the definition of "roll cage" as used in the definition of "autocycle" to mean a support that will bear the vehicle's weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on this support.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 32:1(1.1), 190(D), 401(2) and 408(C)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes Legislative Bureau amendment.
2. Changes definition of "autocycle".